

has a contract with the state in excess of \$100,000. It says you contract with the state in excess of that figure, your campaign contributions are limited to \$1,000 or less to individuals like ourselves or folks who run for statewide office. It puts a cap on those folks who do business with the state as it relates to campaign contributions. I think that's good policy. I think the bill that Senator Warner brought was too narrow in focus. I understand the arguments that he makes with regard to constitutionality. The compelling state interest in this case, I believe, is the same that was used to address the bill at the first stage of debate and that is, is that the state wants to, I think beyond a shadow of a doubt, make sure that every contract that we have is on the up and up, if you will. I think that the interest of those parties who make contributions, their rights with regard to expressing their opinion with regard to a candidate or candidates can still be expressed if they happen to contract with the state. There is just a limit at which they can make their expression, if you will. We do that right now in terms of campaign contributions. It is done at the federal level for individuals on a regular basis. I think that there is not a problem in terms of expanding the scope of LB 28 to anyone who contracts with the state. I think that it really does have a compelling state interest in that we want to be sure that those folks who do business with the state get those contracts because they are the best bid or the best bid, maybe the lowest bid, who knows, but it ought to be because they're going to do the job in a very appropriate manner and there should be no perception that because of a campaign contribution to a certain candidate or candidates that possibly somehow they were given that business instead of another. With that the amendment provides an option. Clearly it broadens the bill, but I think it broadens it and makes it a better piece of legislation, one that with the adoption I could support it, without I cannot. Thank you, Madam President. I'd urge adoption of the amendment to LB 28.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Robinson, your light is on, did you wish...? Senator Hall just closed. The question before the body is the adoption of the Hall amendment to LB 28. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Madam President, (inaudible)...a call of the house and a roll call vote.